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PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--21 APRIL 1962

1. ARGENTINA:

THE LATEST ACT IS STILL BEING PLAYED OUT. THE COMMANDER OF THE CAMPO DE MAYO GARRISON NEAR BUENOS AIRES, WHO CALLED OUT HIS TROOPS IN SUPPORT OF GUIDO AND IN OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN FORCING GUIDO'S HAND, HAS BEEN NAMED WAR SECRETARY, BUT HAS NOT BEEN SWORN-IN. GUIDO HAS CALLED A MEETING OF MILITARY COMMANDERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, EVIDENTLY IN A BID FOR SOME KIND OF CONSENSUS. THE PRO-GUIDO FORCES APPEAR TO HAVE THE UPPER HAND IN BUENOS AIRES, BUT KEY MILITARY ELEMENTS ELSEWHERE HAVE YET TO DECLARE THEMSELVES. PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE OF MILITARY COMMANDERS, THE ISSUE IS STILL OPEN.

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2. ADOULA DAMAGED BY TSHOMBE PULL-OUT:

HE PROBABLY FACES SOME BAD MOMENTS WHEN HE RETURNS TO LEOPOLDVILLE, WHERE TSHOMBE'S DEPARTURE IS BEING VIEWED AS AN "ESCAPE." HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS IN PARLIAMENT ARE CLAMORING FOR AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION AND MAY TRY TO FORCE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

GENERAL MOBUTU CONTINUES TO STAND BY ADOULA.

3. SOVIET WALKOUT THREAT AT GENEVA:

ZORIN'S "WARNING" YESTERDAY OF A WALKOUT WHEN US TESTS ARE RESUMED RUNS COUNTER TO WHAT A NUMBER OF BLOC DELEGATES, INCLUDING SOVIETS, HAVE BEEN SAYING THE PICTURE MIGHT BE DIFFERENT IF THERE WERE A GOOD CHANCE THAT THE NEUTRALS WOULD GO ALONG IN PROTEST, BUT PRESENT SIGNS ARE THAT THEY WILL NOT. HOWEVER, THE RUSSIANS ARE LIKELY TO DECLARE THEMSELVES OUT OF ANY FURTHER TEST-BAN TALKS, WHATEVER THE NEUTRALS DO.

4. NOTES:

A. THE SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED A MEETING IN EAST BERLIN BETWEEN OUR BERLIN COMMANDANT AND THEIRS TO DISCUSS THE IMPASSE OVER INTERSECTOR CROSSINGS BY THE TWO. THEY SAY THERE WILL BE NO INSPECTION OF THE US COMMANDANT'S PARTY BY THE EAST GERMANS. THEY ARE HYPERSENSITIVE ABOUT ANY PUBLICITY, AND ARE NOT SURE YET HOW THE ISSUE CAN BE SOLVED WITHOUT LOSING FACE FOR ULBRICHT.

B. WITH SALAN IN A PARIS JAIL, FRENCH SECURITY OFFICIALS ARE NOW BRACING FOR AN ALL-OUT, DESPERATION MOVE BY THE OAS IN ALGERIA.

C. THE COVERING ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY ON THIS YEAR'S SINO-SOVIET TRADE AGREEMENT WAS BRIEF, PER-FUNCTORY, AND, AS WE READ IT, NO TOKEN OF ANY THAW IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP. WE LOOK FOR THEIR TRADE THIS YEAR TO DIP TO ABOUT HALF OF THE 1959 PEAK LEVEL.

D. A SOVIET ICBM TEST LAUNCH SEEMS TO HAVE FAILED YESTERDAY. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT IT WAS A CATEGORY "C" VEHICLE, LIKE THE ONE LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY LAST WEDNESDAY, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT THIS TYPE IS MAINTAINING AN UNEVEN RECORD.

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